



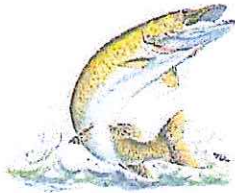
Dairy Cow
STATE DOMESTIC ANIMAL



Galena
STATE MINERAL



Sugar Maple
STATE TREE



Muskellunge
STATE FISH



Badger
STATE ANIMAL



Mourning Dove
SYMBOL OF PEACE



Honey Bee
STATE INSECT



Trilobite
STATE FOSSIL



Robin
STATE BIRD



Antigo Silt Loam
STATE SOIL



STATE TARTAN



Corn
STATE GRAIN



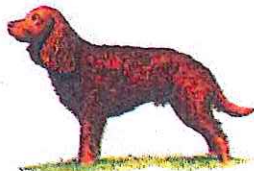
Milk
STATE BEVERAGE



Red Granite
STATE ROCK



STATE FLAG



American Water Spaniel
STATE DOG



White-tailed Deer
STATE WILDLIFE ANIMAL



Wood Violet
STATE FLOWER

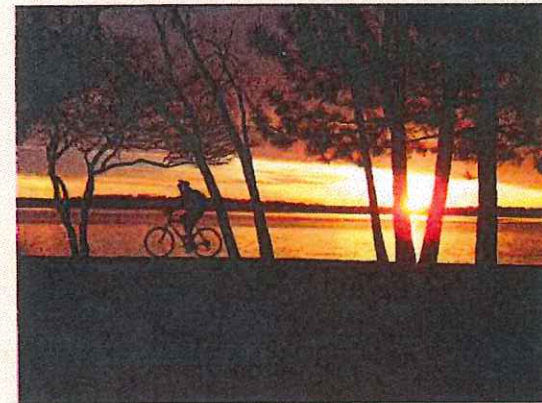


Cranberry
STATE FRUIT



Polka
STATE DANCE

WISCONSIN



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Populated mostly by Native American tribes until 1820s

First Europeans, French, under Jean Nicolet, 1634

Under British control, 1763-1783

Under Northwest Ordinance, 1787; separate territory in 1836

Attained statehood on May 29, 1848, 30th state

POPULATION

2000 Census: 5,363,675, rank 18th among states, 9.6% increase

over 1990; 2008 estimate: 5,675,156, 5.8% increase over 2000;

2008 estimated population over 18 (voting age): 4,330,695

Based on the 2000 Census: White 88.9%, Black 5.7%, Asian 1.7%,

Native American 0.9%, Hispanic (all races) 3.6%

40% identify themselves as having German ancestry

4% foreign-born, 2/3 from Latin America or Asia

74.5% 18 and older, 13.1% 65 and older

Median age: 36.0 years

ECONOMY

Percentage of non-agricultural employment 2007: trade, transportation and utilities: 19%; manufacturing: 17%; government: 14%; education: 14%; service: 10%.

AGRICULTURE: Ranks 1st in cheese production and 2nd in milk production. Ranks 8th in farm marketing receipts, more than 50% from dairy products. 78,500 farms, average size 194 acres, net income \$2,654 million in 2007. Leading producer of silage corn, cranberries, canning beets, cabbage, snap beans, and oats.

MANUFACTURING: Concentrated in southeast, Fox River Valley, and Lake Michigan west to Lake Winnebago. State ranks 10th in value added by manufacturing and 3rd in % income earned by manufacturing, 60% work in durable goods. Top groups: machinery, fabricated metal products, and food. Products: motorcycles, tractors, boats and outboard motors, paper, wax and polishes, and plumbing fixtures.

EXPORTS: 2008 revenue from Wisconsin exports: \$20.6 billion. Top 10 markets: Canada, Mexico, Japan, China, United Kingdom, Germany, France, Belgium, Australia, and Saudi Arabia. Top 10 categories: industrial machinery (including computers), science and medical instruments, electric machinery, transportation equipment and parts, paper, plastics, cereals, iron or steel products, printed books and newspapers, and furniture and fixtures.

TRANSPORTATION

114,705 miles of roads, 3,417 road miles railroad track, 98 publicly owned airports, 8 scheduled passenger carriers. Railroad freight: 23 billion ton miles; air carriers 5.7 million passengers, 119,408 tons cargo; Great Lakes ports 54.1 million tons freight (86% at Superior). 5.5 million registered motor vehicles.

GOVERNMENT

CONGRESS: 2 U.S. Senators, 8 U.S. Representatives

STATE: Constitutional officers: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction are elected to 4-year terms. The legislature: 33-member senate, 99-member assembly. Senators serve 4 years, Representatives 2 years. Meets in January, odd-numbered years for 2-year session. Judiciary consists of circuit courts, court of appeals, supreme court. Circuit and appeals judges elected to 6-year terms, supreme court justices for 10 years, on nonpartisan ballot.

LOCAL: 72 counties, 190 cities, 403 villages, 1,258 towns, 426 school districts, 16 technical college districts can levy taxes. Counties elect board supervisors, elect or appoint an executive. Cities elect either a mayor and common council, or operate under a council-manager system. Villages elect board and board president or operate under a village manager chosen by the elected board. Towns elect 3- or 5-member town board and the board may appoint a town administrator.

EDUCATION

426 school districts serve over 870,000 K-12 students. Districts elect a school board. Private schools enroll 130,800. UW System: 13 universities, 13 2-year colleges enroll 175,000 students, governed by an appointed board of regents. 30 private colleges and universities enroll 65,000. Technical College System serves 390,000 students in 16 districts, governed by a state board and district boards.

RECREATION

14,000 lakes, 2,000 miles of trout streams, 6 million acres of hunting lands. State issues 645,000 hunting and 537,000 fishing licenses per year; registers 555,000 boats, 220,000 snowmobiles, and 277,000 ATVs; operates 48 state parks, 13 state forests, 5 recreation areas, and 36 state trails.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau: (608) 266-0341

www.legis.wisconsin.gov for information on state government and text of *Wisconsin Blue Book*.

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